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TO THE SECOND EDITION.



THE following Memoir has been written at three different periods, as the dates will show. The first part having been prepared for a periodical work, and published anonymously with scarcely any alteration, is often expressed in a tone somewhat different from that which the author would have been inclined to employ under his own name. The work is chiefly addressed to the military reader, who may be asked after perusing it, whether—considering on one side the character of the insurgents and the strength of their country, on the other the imbecillity of the enemy and the difficulties of his military combinations—he thinks it possible that the Porte can ever suppress the Greek insurrection without foreign assistance. But this foreign assistance is not wanting.

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While England, scrupulously observant of her professions of neutrality, seizes in her ports supplies purchased for the use of the Greeks, and outlaws every Englishman that may engage in their cause, French officers by hundreds discipline and lead the Turkish armies, and ships under the Austrian and other flags convey them to the Moréa.

LONDON, *January*, 1826.



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TO THE FIRST EDITION.



THE following pages were ready for the press in the month of September last, but circumstances, over which the Author had no controul, have prevented the publication until the present time. The reader will find it necessary to bear this fact in mind, in the perusal of some parts of the work. If it has lost any interest by the delay, an opportunity has, on the other hand, been thus acquired, of adding a statement of the principal events which have occurred in Greece to the close of the fourth campaign of the Insurrection.

In regard to the Map, it may be right to mention, that the scale and general outline have been borrowed from the “*Ancient Greece*” of M. Barbié du Bocage, which, in the year 1811,

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accompanied a new edition of the “*Jeune Anacharsis*” of Barthelemy; but many corrections have been made in the details of that delineation, and the names have been inserted solely with a view to illustrate the present publication.

LONDON, *January*, 1825.



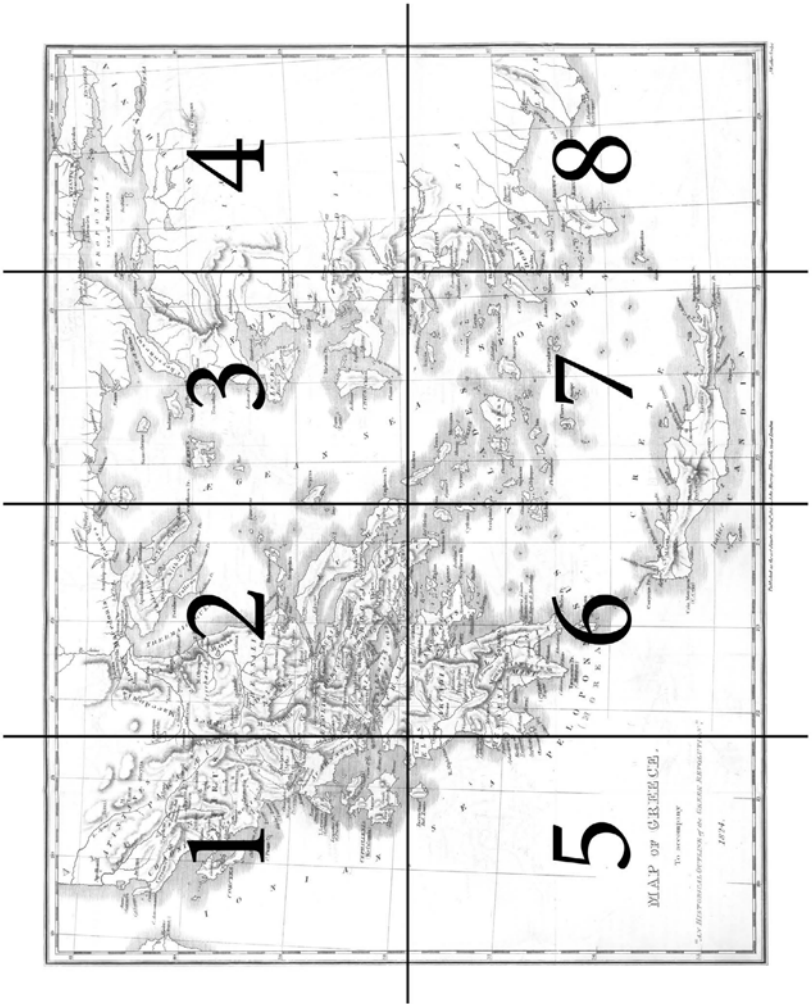
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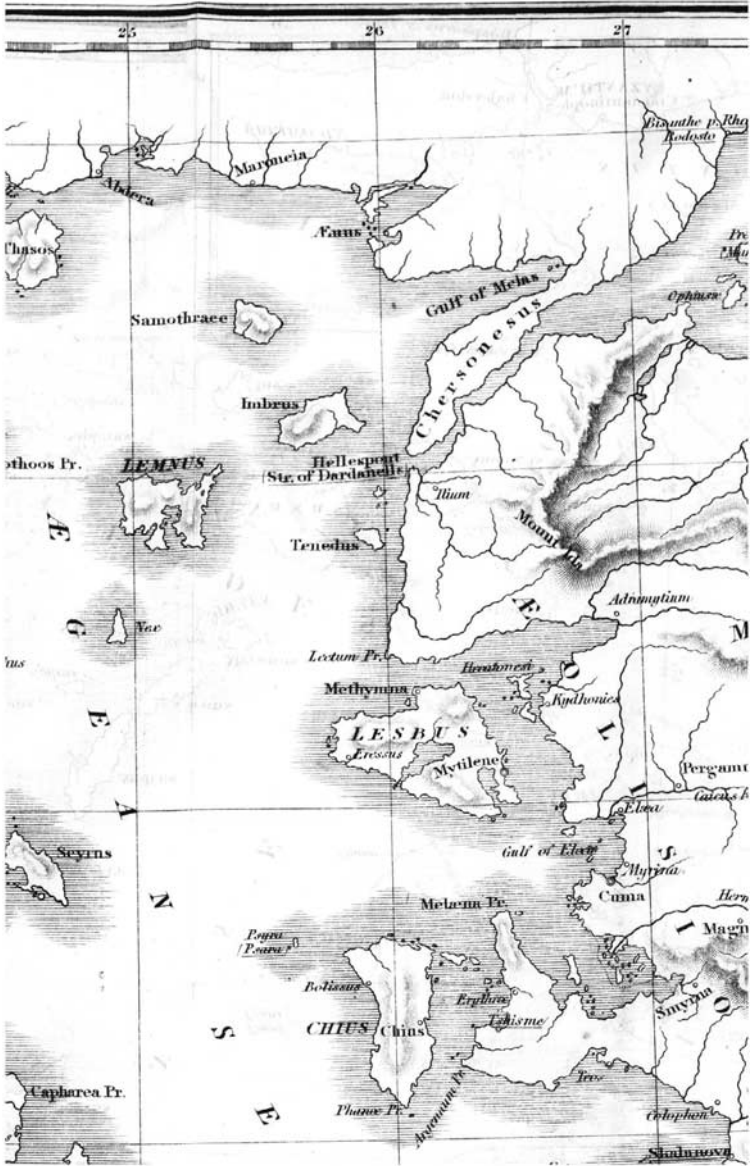
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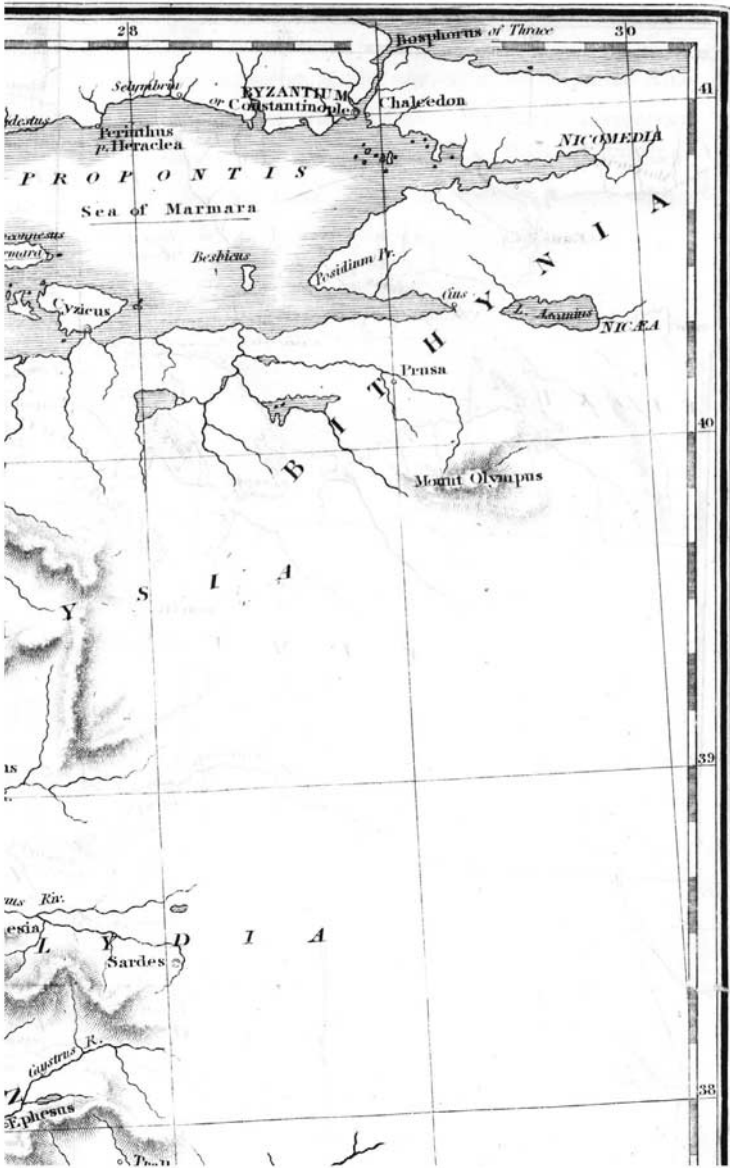


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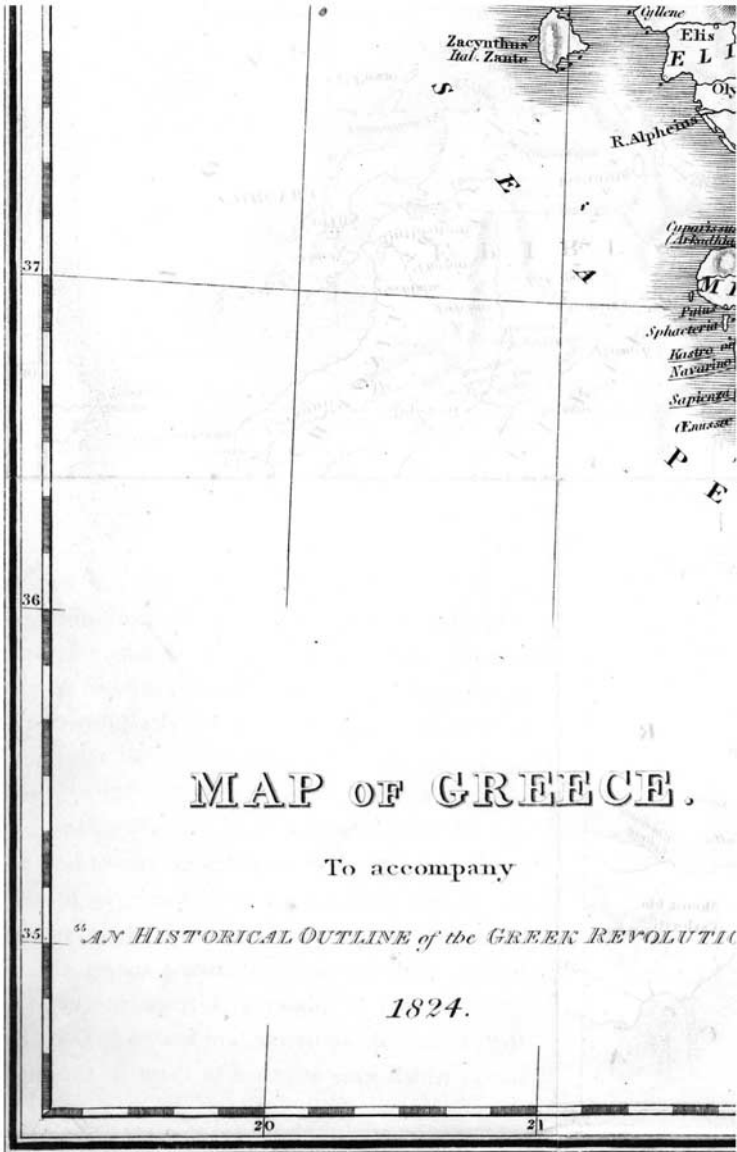
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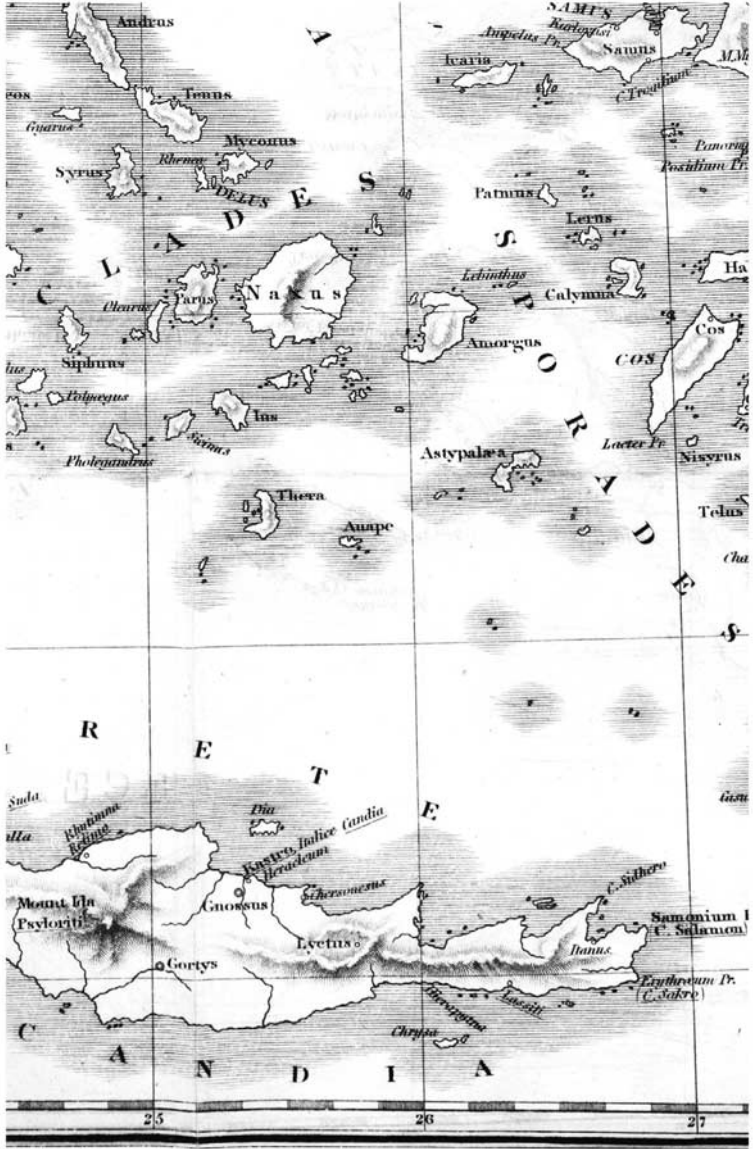
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